disposed internally of said slot engaging said steps to hold said bent flat pile in said slot, exterior portions of said parts extending outwardly of said slot to define said flexible seal.

3. (amended) The weatherstrip according to claim 1 wherein said slot and said throat extend along an acute angle inwardly from a surface of said member at which sealing action is provided by said bent pile which extend from said surface to provide said seal.

5. (amended) The weatherstrip according to claim 1 wherein a flexible rib is disposed along said axis and is assembled with said strands into said flat pile.

7. (amended) The weatherstrip according to claim 1 wherein a fin of flexible material is disposed along the outside of said flat pile, where said pile bends about said axis, provides a locking fin which engages said steps along edges of said fin to retain said bent pile in said slot.

10. (amended) The weatherstrip according to claim 9 wherein a fin of flexible material is disposed along the outside of said flat pile, where said pile bends about said axis, provides a locking fin which engages said steps along edges of said fin to retain said bent flat pile in said slot, and wherein said internal fin is less rigid than said locking fin.

19. (amended) The weatherstrip according to claim 1 wherein a fin of flexible material, more rigid than said strands and shorter than said strands but long enough to extend out of said slot when said flat pile is disposed in said slot, said fin being assembled centrally of said flat pile on the inside thereof whereby to define the contour of said parts projecting from said slot.

Remarks

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